

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 340

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION recognizing Brenda Payne for her service as the president and chief executive officer of the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those Tennesseans who stand as leaders in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Payne, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce, is one such sterling individual; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Payne has been a dedicated member of the Hendersonville community for many years, and her record of service as a leader is truly commendable; and

WHEREAS, she brings a wealth of experience to the position of president and CEO; she has dedicated her time and energies to a variety of volunteer roles and served as Board Chair in 1998–1999; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Payne's professional career began with National Life and Accident, which later became American General Life and Accident, in 1968. After starting as a mail clerk, Mrs. Payne quickly rose through the ranks and was named the assistant vice president of Group Claims before leaving the company in 1989; and

WHEREAS, she then worked for four years with CNA as a group claims manager before closing the chapter on her twenty-five-year career in the insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Payne was a valued member of a variety of professional organizations, including Middle Tennessee Claims Association, which she served as president, and Southern Claims Association, which she served as treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Payne has been actively involved in many civic, community, and service organizations, in which she has held a number of leadership positions. She was the

board chair for the Sumner County United Way in 1989 and 1996, and its campaign co-chair in 1986; presided as the board chair for Leadership Sumner in 1999, served a two-year term as the regional chair for the United Way Middle Tennessee Partner Counties, stood as the president of the Hendersonville Rotary Club, in which she has held membership since 1995, in 2005–2006, and was a graduate of the 2002 class of Leadership Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mrs. Payne currently serves on the Emeritus Committee of Cumberland Region Tomorrow, as the treasurer of Greenways of Sumner County, as treasurer of the Sumner County Visitors Bureau, and as governance chair for the board of Leadership Middle Tennessee, and is serving a one-year term as the chair of the Rotary District Conference Committee; and

WHEREAS, during her term of service as a member of the board of Gallatin Shalom Zone, Brenda Payne served as the fundraising co-chair and as the board chair for two years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Payne was named Volunteer of the Year by United Way of Sumner County, gained recognition as a Distinguished Alumni by Leadership Sumner, garnered the Businesswoman of the Year award from the Hendersonville Business and Professional Women's Organization, received the Hendersonville Rotary Club's Rotarian of the Year award in 2008 and Lifetime Distinguished Award in 2009, and was honored with the *Nashville Business Journal's* 2013 Sumner County Impact Award; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Jim; her daughter, Gayle; her grandchildren, Andy and Savannah; and her four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Payne's service to the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce and to the Hendersonville community are wholly commendable, and it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly applaud her dedication to service in her many endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Brenda Payne for her service as the president and CEO of the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce, applaud her many years of commendable leadership within her community, and extend to her our best wishes for success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.